



Battery Park City Authority

Report to Manhattan Community Board 1 – Battery Park City Committee
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NEIGHBORHOOD & PROJECT UPDATES:

I. BPC Resiliency Projects – STATUS

BPCA undertook an overall resiliency study in 2015, which helped inform the following initiatives¹ to harden and protect Battery Park City’s 92 acres from storm surge, flooding, and sea level rise.

Resiliency Concepts

The image displays three maps illustrating resiliency concepts for Battery Park City. The top-left map, titled '1 & 2: Northern End and Ball Fields', shows the Hudson River to the west and the East River to the east. It highlights the 'West Battery Park City Resiliency' area in red, the 'Ball Field Resiliency' area in orange, and the 'Manhattan Coastal Resiliency' area in green. The top-right map, titled '3: Southern End', shows the Hudson River to the west and the East River to the east. It highlights the 'West Battery Park City Resiliency' area in red, the 'South Battery Park City Resiliency' area in purple, and the 'Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency' area in yellow. The bottom map, titled '4: Western Perimeter', shows a 3D aerial view of the city with a blue line tracing the western perimeter of Battery Park City. Key landmarks labeled include Regal Cinemas Battery Park 11, Brookfield Place, One World Observatory, and the Museum of Jewish Heritage. The New York State of Opportunity logo and Battery Park City Authority name are in the top right corner of the slide.

¹ Ongoing projects will continue to be closely integrated and coordinated with the City’s Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency (LMCR) planning processes through regular and active consultation / interface.

Project (1) – Northern End

- Design RFP for BPC’s Northern End – covering the North Esplanade and entailing a deployable barrier crossing West Street / Route 9A – to be released by early summer 2018
- Design to commence late 2018 and continue through 2019
- Regular community input required throughout design process
- Construction expected to begin 2020

Project (2) – BPC Ball Fields

- Design RFP for BPC Ball Fields issued Jan. 3, 2018; responses due Mar. 2, 2018; multiple proposals received and now under evaluation
- Design to commence in, and continue, thru 2018
- Regular community input required throughout design process
- Construction expected to begin 2019

Project (3) – Southern End / “South BPC Resiliency Project”

- Conceptual design process 2016-2017
- Design RFP for BPC’s Southern end issued July 14, 2017; due October 4, 2017; multiple proposals received
- Detailed design to commence mid-2018
- Regular community input required throughout design process
- Construction expected to begin mid-late 2019 (tentative)

Project (4) – Western Perimeter

- Contemplates employing garden / park walls to create new line of flood protection
- Design RFP for Western Perimeter to be released in 2019
- Regular community input required throughout design process

II. South End Avenue Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Measures

- BPCA coordinating with CM Chin’s Office, BPC Committee Leadership, and City DOT to set date for public forum on potential South End Avenue improvements
- Possible forums include May BPC Committee meeting or standalone session

III. BPC Parks User Count & Survey

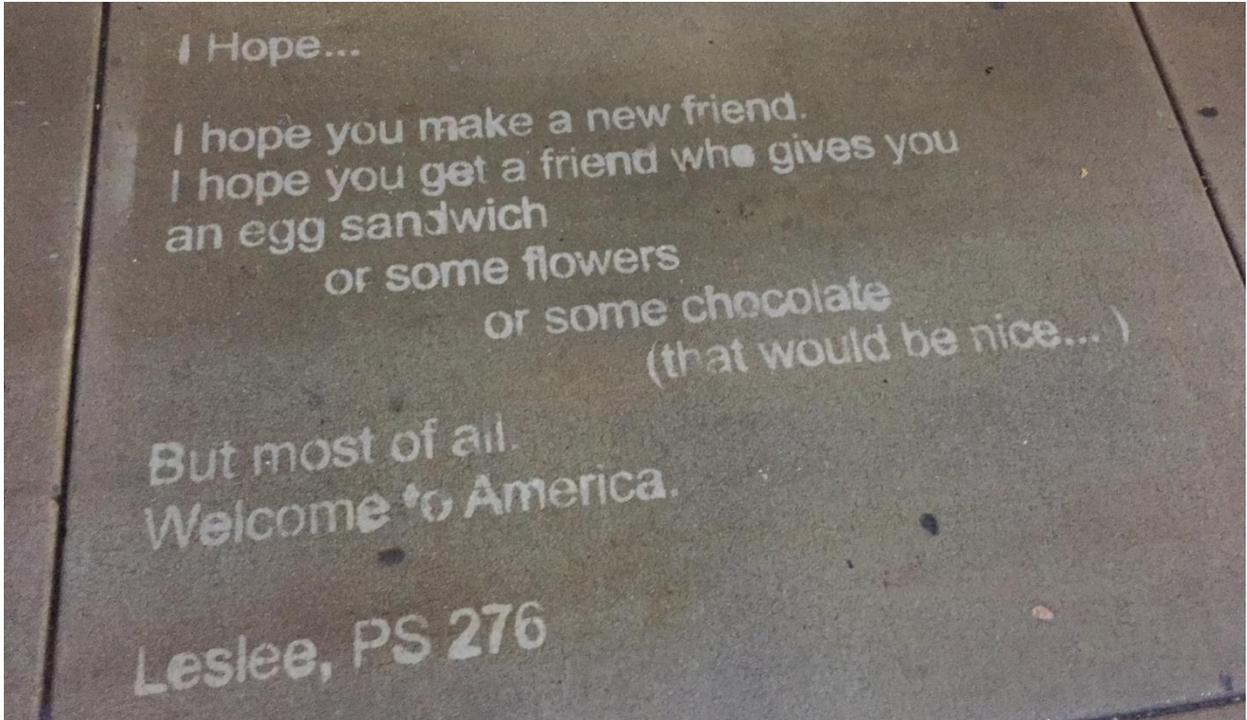
- Study extended & deepened to include seven (7) focus groups, conducted from 3/11-3/27 on weekdays, weekends, mornings, afternoons, and evenings at two locations to fit different schedules
- Included 35 participants from wide range of age groups and interests, i.e., regular Parks program attendees/parents, CCSHS members, current and previous local school parents (elementary, junior high & high school), senior program attendees, area employees, and more – thank you to all who participated!
- Next phase of randomly-selected, on-site surveys (first ran during summer 2017) to commence mid-April, with final report expected summer 2018

IV. BPC Parks Lawns

- Scheduled to reopen week of April 16; closed for season since November 2016

V. BPC Raining Poetry Project

- Temporary public art project will display excerpts of poetry on the paths, plazas, and sidewalks of Battery Park City; inspired by City of Boston-launched initiative
- Partnership with Poets House, poem excerpts first appeared as part of pilot initiative with local schools during summer 2017

**VI. Community Center at Stuyvesant High School | 345 Chambers Street**

- Hours (*Sept.-June*): Mon.-Fri., 7pm-10pm; Sat. & Sun., 1pm-9pm
- Deeply-discounted, full-access, annual membership rates:
 - ✓ Adults (18+): \$199 | Adult BPC Residents: \$179
 - ✓ Youth, Seniors (62+) & Military: \$79 | BPC Resident Youths, Seniors & Military: \$59
 - ✓ Day passes also available – \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth, seniors, military & BPC residents
- Pool at CCSHS temporarily closed due to required repair and reinforcement of “baffles” – sound barriers suspended from the ceiling above the swimming surface; work scheduled to occur from March 30-April 6

VII. 200 Rector Place Interior Fit Out

- Renovations continue on new community space, office space & Allied Universal Command Center, replacing former space @ The Regatta
- Targeting end-April timeframe for public opening

VIII. National School Walkout Day

- Hundreds of local school students gathered at the BPC Ball Fields and throughout neighborhood to press for gun reform on Wednesday, March 14



Read more: [For Lower Manhattan Schools, More Than One Way to 'Walk Out'](#) (Tribeca Trib)

IX. Downtown Little League

- 2018 Opening Day is Saturday, April 14 @ BPC Ball Fields
- Start of new, three-year permit cycle

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & STATUS UPDATES**I. Meet Me in the Kitchen – Good Nutrition!**

- Smashing success saw ~100 attendees across six booked-to-capacity classes
- Most delightful surprise dish we learned and shared in the final session (“Boost Your Immune System”) – bright yellow spaghetti squash with bright green parsley, garlic, and lemon pesto.
- Thank you Lauren C. Kelly (our guest dietician and talented cook) Asphalt Green, BPC Seniors, and all our guests!
- Next round of free Meet Me in the Kitchen classes to be included in BPCA’s Summer Events Calendar (due out later this month)

- II. BPC Health Workshop – Brain & Heart Health**
 - Free public session on March 23 @ 6 River Terrace
 - Partnership w/BPC Seniors, New York Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital & Weill Cornell Medicine; sessions included “Brain Health & Stroke Prevention” and “Cardiovascular Wellness: Risk Factors and Common Cardiac Conditions”

- III. BPC Winter Events Calendar**
 - More than 500 public programs and events from January to April
 - Largest slate of winter programming yet includes cultural and artistic workshops, talks, fitness programs, music, games, and much more.
 - Summer Events Calendar to be announced in coming weeks

- IV. BPC Seniors Working Group & Events**
 - Met on March 14 as part of regular check-ins; discussed items including 200 Rector Place fit-out, expanding group’s reach of new groups of seniors, etc.
 - Next meeting TBD later this month

- V. Museum of Jewish Heritage – Free Membership for BPC Residents – REMINDER**
 - Running through June 30, 2018, MJH Community Membership Program provides free Museum membership (proof of residency required)
 - Includes free Museum admission, discounted or free program tickets & more
 - Program Commemorates MJH’s 20th Anniversary

- VI. Lost & Found Contact Information – REMINDER**
 - Allied Universal Command Center
211 North End Avenue
(212) 945-7233 | bpcallied@bpca.ny.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING:

- I. 2018 BPCA Board Meetings – 200 Liberty Street, 24th Floor, 10:30am**
 - Tuesday, April 10
 - Tuesday, May 15
 - Tuesday, June 12
 - Tuesday, July 10
 - Tuesday, August 14
 - Tuesday, September 18
 - Tuesday, October 16
 - Tuesday, November 13
 - Tuesday, December 11
 - Archived meeting videos: communithek.tv/bpca/

- II. 2018 BPC Open Community Meetings – 6 River Terrace, 6-7:30PM (Tentative)**
 - Wednesday, June 6
 - Wednesday, September 12
 - Wednesday, November 28
 - Video from March 5, 2018 meeting:
www.communithek.tv/bpca/?q=video/bpca-march-5-2018-community-meeting

III. BPCA Annual Report – Fiscal 2017

- Full report available on BPCA website:
bpca.ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Annual-Report-2017-1-31-18-1.pdf

IV. Skyscraper Museum

- *Millennium: Lower Manhattan in the 1990s*, runs thru April 2018
- Multimedia exhibition recaptures formative time in history of New York’s historic commercial hub through combination of architectural drawings and models, archival and contemporary photographs, original posters, maps, sketches, renderings, and more
- For more information: skyscraper.org/millennium

V. Permitted Walks / Runs

- Schedule of 2018 Runs / Walkathons in Battery Park City as follows:

Organization / Event	Event Type	Event Date(s) & Approx. Time	Attendance (Est.)	Street Closures	Notes
Taste of BPC	Fundraiser	Sat – Apr 21, 12PM	250	N/A	P.S. 89’s Annual Fundraiser
9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk	Walkathon / Run	Sun – Apr 22, 7:45am	5,000	N/A	Upper & Lower Plazas / north & south Esplanade
Callen-Lorde Rainbow Run	Walkathon / Run	Sat – Apr 28, 9:00am	150	N/A	FYI only
'Tklkhuis Dutch School	King's Day Annual Kids & Family Day	Sun – Apr 29, 12-4PM	400	N/A	FYI only
Lupus Foundation	Walkathon	Sat – May 5, 10am-12PM	5,000	N/A	West St., circle to Battery & 1st Place & continue on Battery Place/exit
The Brownstone Experience Foundation	Concert in Wagner Park	Sat – May 12, 4-6PM	1,500	N/A	FYI only – Free Concert
American Heart Association	Wall Street Run & Heart Walk	Thu – May 17, 6:45PM	10,000	Yes - TBD	Enter BPC @ Battery Place & Third Place
NYPD Run Club	Annual Walkathon	Sun – May 20, 8:30-12PM	2,100	Yes - TBD (usually West & Liberty Streets)	FYI - Registration at PS 89/Brief Ceremony at NYC Police Memorial / proceed to Liberty & West Streets / exit BPC @ SHS Plaza
Playworks	Annual Walkathon	Sat – Jun 2, 7am-1PM	100	N/A	FYI only
Friends of Robin Med. Center	Walkathon	Sun – Jun 3, 7am-1PM	500	N/A	FYI only – setup on Wagner Park Plaza

Bike to the Beach	Bike Ride for Autism	Fri – Jun 8, 5am	175	N/A	FYI only – setup by Tribeca Bridge by Stuy. HS & West St.
LeadDog Marketing	Midnight Runners	Fri – Jun 8, 7:30-9:30PM	350	N/A	Passing through BPC (up and back)
River-to-River Festival “Namaah’s Ark”	Free Outdoor Concert	Sun – Jun 17, 7:00PM	Approx. 1,500	N/A	Not a walk / run; part of LMCC’s Annual River-to-River Festival
Clipper Race	Boat Race	Wed – Jul 18 to Sun – Jul 22	200-1,000	N/A	North Cove Marina / Esplanade Plaza
Pajama Program, Inc.	Walkathon / Run	Sat – Sep 29, 7am-1PM	300	N/A	Wagner Park to Rockefeller Park
Stephen Siller Tunnel-to-Towers Foundation	Walkathon / Run / Community Festival	Sun – Sep 30, 9:30am	20,000	Yes - TBD	Red Hook-West & Liberty Streets, BPC; followed by festival – Vesey Street